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SUBJ: PROPOSED REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF DEMAND REDUCTION EXPERTS

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1. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF THIS CONFERENCE WERE HELD IN MID-MAY WITH OFFICIALS OF THE VENEZUELAN INTERMINISTERIAL COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE (CCUID) DURING A VISIT OF MESSRS. LEE I. DOGOLOFF, DEPUTY FOR PREVENTION, FEDERAL DRUG MANAGEMENT, OMB, AND LEON HUNT, CONTRACT EPIDEMIOLOGIST. SEVERAL KEY ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED WITH REFERENCE TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE:

A) PLACE: THE VENEZUELAN ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF HOSTING A CONFERENCE AND SUGGESTED TWO POSSIBILITIES WHICH

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HAVE BOTH HOTEL AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT REASONABLE COSTS--

THE IVIC (VENEZUELAN INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH) AND THE MILITARY CIRCLE.

B) TIME: THE VENEZUELAN FEEL THAT THEY CAN HOST THE CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER, 1976, OR JANUARY 1977.

C) WHO WILL ATTEND: VENEZUELA WOULD HAVE PROPOSED LIMITING ATTENDANCE TO THE ANDEAN COUNTRIES BUT WILL PROBABLY INVITE ARGENTINA AND MEXICO. THIS WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED BY CCUID OFFICIALS WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AT THE MEXICAN DRUG ABUSE CONFERENCE IN LATE AUGUST, 1976. THE U.S. WILL CO-HOST, ASSIST IN PLANNING AND COORDINATION, AND PARTICIPATE.

D) AGENDA: MAJOR TOPIC AREAS OF DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE:

- (1) ASSESSMENT OF THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS
- (2) TRAINING
- (3) RESEARCH
- (4) PREVENTION
- (5) TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION
- (6) AND, NATIONAL COORDINATION

2. IT WAS AGREED WITH DOGOLOFF THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TALKS WITH THE CCUID AND TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION AS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE ON SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING FINANCING. (FYI OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO HOST THE CONFERENCE AND OUR ONLY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT MIGHT BE TRANSPORTATION AND SOME PER DIEM EXPENSES).

3. IF S/NM APPROVES, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF ADDRESSEE POSTS WHETHER HOST COUNTRY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONFERENCE IF IT WERE TO BE HELD IN VENEZUELA. NOTE: EMBASSY IS INFORMED ON RESPONSES TO REFTEL.)

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS' SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW MANY PEOPLE MIGHT BE INVITED TO THIS CONFERENCE AND PROVIDE THE NAMES OF THE KEY PERSON WHO HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS AND EXPERTS WHO HAVE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY OR EXPERTISE IN ANY OF THE SIX AREAS TO BE DISCUSSED.

5. SINCE PLANS CONTINUE TO BE TENTATIVE WE RECOMMEND THAT POSTS NOT DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENTS AT THIS TIME.

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